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TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS FILMS TO BE SHOWN IN COCHABAMBA

With sponsorship provided by the United Nations, the Embassy of the United States, through its Narcotics Affairs Division (NAS), and Cine Center, a movie cycle entitled "Trafficking in Persons, A Crime that Shames Us All" was presented on Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 in the city of Cochabamba.

Women and girls make up 80 percent of all victims of Trafficking in Persons. The sponsors dedicated this film series to all women with the hope of promoting reflection and debate on this issue among the public.

The series of two films was presented at Cine Center. On Monday, the American film "Human Trafficking" was presented, and on Tuesday the public viewed "Tráfico de Mujeres" a Mexican-German production. Each film was preceded by an introduction and followed by a debate and discussion.

The movies followed by public debates sought to create public awareness of the fact that trafficking in persons is a crime that exists in all countries and in all societies without exception, and that all of us can be a part of the solution. Through these stories, the public was able to gain insights into a reality into which a lot needs to be done to protect the vulnerable.

Trafficking in persons is one of the fastest growing crimes worldwide. The International Labor Organization estimates that currently at least 2.5 million men, women and children are exploited in the world by human traffickers.